

A
DECLARATION
AND
RESOLUTION
Of the
Lords and Commons
in PARLIAMENT.

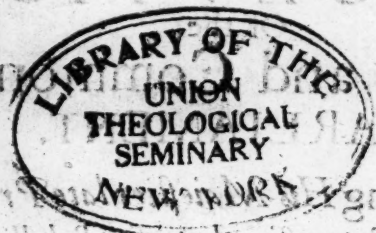
Concerning *His Maiesties late Procla-*
mation for the Suppressing the present Rebellion, un-
der the Command of Robert Earle of Essex: and
the gracious offer of his Maiesties pardon to him
and all such of his adherents, as shall within
six dayes after the date thereof
lay downe their Armes.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parli-
ament, that this Declaration bee forthwith
printed and published.

H. Elsing Cler. Par. Dom. Com.

London printed for E. Husband and Iohn Franke, and are to be
sold at their shops in the middle Temple, and the next doore
to the Kings head in Fleetstreet. 15 August 1642.

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A DECLARATION OF the Lords and Commons.

THe Lords and Commons, having received in a Letter from His Majesty, a printed Paper, intituled, a Proclamation for the suppressing of the present rebellion under the command of Robert Earle of Essex, and the gracious offer of his Majesties free pardon to him and all such of his adherents, as shall within six dayes after the date thereof, lay downe their Armes. Doe publish and declare, that the matter of this libellous and scandalous Paper, is the venome of those trayterous Councillors about His Majesty, long since discovered, and so often complained of, by both Houses of Parliament; who having for

many yeares together carried on a wicked De-
signe to alter Religion and to introduce Pope-
ry, Superstition and Ignorance (the ready way
to an Arbitrary and Tyrannicall Government)
and for that purpose, not onely mainteyned
Agents at Rome, but invited and procured sun-
dry Nunices or Agents to bee sent into this
Kingdome from the Pope. By which meanes,
Popery and Superstition was so far advanced,
that nothing but the convening of this Parlia-
ment (occasioned by the coming of the
Scots), could in all humane reason have pre-
vented them in their designe: the onely true
reason why these mischievous Councillors,
maligning that power which opposes it selfe
against their destructive and horrid Councils,
have now at last, as the master Piece of all their
Machinations, advised his Majesty in effect to
proclaime at once his House of Peeres, the he-
reditary Councillors of the Kingdome: and
His House of Commons, the representative
body of the whole Commons of the Kingdom
to bee all Rebels and Traytors. And by that
Paper have endeavoured so farre to blind the
eyes of the people, as to make them guilty of
their

their owne destruction, by helping to subd ue
and destroy the Parliament (the onely meanes
under God to preserve their Religion, Law
and Liberties.) And to perswade the King-
dome, that his Maiesty by the Assistance of Pa-
pists and persons popishly affected, will main-
taine the Protestant Religion. That by the
helpe of men Utlawed and of desperate for-
tunes will maintaine the Lawes of the Land :
and with fugitives from Parliament, and tray-
tors and delinquents to the Parliament, will
preserve the Priuiledges thereof : an Attempt
so desperat and so transcendently wicked, that
the Lords and Commons do unanimously pub-
lish and declare, that all they who have advised
contrived, abetted, or countenauced, or here-
after shall abett or countenance the said Pro-
clamation to bee Traytors and Enemies to
God the King and Kingdome, and to be guilty
of the highest degree of Treason that can
be committed against the King and Kingdome,
and that they will by the assistance of Almighty
God, and of all honest English Protestants
and lovers of their Country, doe their best en-
deavours, (even to the utmost hazard of their

lives and fortunes, to bring all such unparaleld
Traitors to a speedy and exemplary punishment. And whereas the Lords and Commons
in Parliament did formerly chuse the Earle of
Essex to be Captaine Generall of such forces as
are, or shall be raised for the maintenance and
preservation of the true Protestant Religion,
the Kings Person, the Lawes of the Land, the
Peace of the Kingdome, the Liberty and pro-
perty of the subiect, and the rights and privi-
ledges of Parliament, The said Lords and
Commons doe now declare, that they will
maintaine and assist him, and adhere unto him
the said Earle, with their Lives and Estates in
the same cause, as in Conscience and Duty to
God, the King and their Country they are
bound to do. And lastly the Lords and Com-
mons doe further declare, that notwithstand-
ing those wicked Councils which inclyned his
Majesty to make warre against our brethren of
Scotland, and by prayers and proclamations
read in Churches to pronounce them Rebels
and Traitors; That withheld his Majesty from
setting forth any Proclamation against those
bloody and barbarous Rebels in Ireland, till

January

January last, although the rebellion brak forth the 23 of *October* before, and notwithstanding the importunity of both Houses of Parliament that a Declaration might issue to that purpose, have now advised and prevailed with his Maiesty by this Proclamation, to invite His Subiects to destroy His Parliament and good people by a Civill Warre, and by that meanes to bring ruine, confusion and perpetuall slavery upon the surviving part of A then wretched Kingdome. Yet the Lords and Commons, to witnesse their constant and unshaken Loyalty and affection to his Maiesty, doe solemnly declare, That if His Maiesty shall immediately disband all his forces, and be pleased to abandon those wicked Councillors, and leave them to condigne punishment, and return and hearken to the wholsome advise of his great Councell: they will really indeavour to make both His Maiesty and His Posterity, as Great, Rich, and Potent, as much beloved at home, and feared abroad, as any Prince that ever swayed this Scepter: which is their firme and constant resolution.

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